50 तीव्र गति मापक यंत्र की उपलब्धता के कारण कुल्लू तथा धर्मशाला में स्थित दो वेधशालाओं के बंद होने से, प्रधान भूकंपी मानीटरिंग लक्ष्य पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ा है। इसके अलावा कांगड़ा (हि० प्र०) में एक दूरमापी भूकंपीय गुच्छे के अधिष्ठापन के रूप में उन्नयन को भी अनुमोदित किया जा चुका है।

Massive Wastage of Iron Through Rusting

7397. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement made by Dr. S.K. Joshi, Director-General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in which he has stated that iron to the extent of three to five percent of Gross National Product is spoiled due to rusting, resulting in annual loss of Rupees fifteen thousand crores to the country;

(b) whether Government have taken any concrete steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, the dctials thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) CSIR through its Central Electro-Chemical Research Institute and other Laboratories is already doing research on the causative factors & control measures and devices for corrosion in metals and alloys. CSIR has specifically set up for the purpose an Atmospheric Corrosion Testing Station at Mandapam in Tamil Nadu. CSIR is enhancing its efforts and inputs for R&D for corrosion control.

Budgetary provisions of the Aquaculture Task Force

7398. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what are the budgetary provisions with regard to the task Force constituted for the development of Aquaculture for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPTTS. OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): The Task Force on Aquaculture and Marine Biotechnology constituted by the Department of Biotechnology provides overall guidance to the Department in the generation of research programme in Aquaculture. Currently, about 50 projects including 7 Mission Mode projects on semi-intensive prawn aquaculture are in operation.

The Department of Agriculture is the nodal Department for the overall development of Aquaculture in the country. The Department of Biotechnology complements and supplements their role through biotechnology research inputs in aquaculture. The budgetary details for the aquaculture programmes of the Deparment of Biotechnology for 1993-94 and 1994-95 are given below. These are for on-going and new projects sanctioned during the years.

(Rs. in lakhs)

1993-94	(BE)
R&D	100
Demonstration	240
1994-95	
R&D	50
Demonstration	315